DIGITAL PROJECTS – LIST 24 (BRICMICS, 6 May 2014, updated following the meeting)

At the Spring 2002 BRICMICS meeting it was suggested that BRICMICS should maintain a list of British and Irish digital projects to include announcements of upcoming projects, details of those in progress or completed, and information about new maps on the Internet.

The intention of the list is to alert colleagues to projects which might be of interest. It is also hoped that it will help to prevent duplication of effort. It is not meant, however, to replicate information already available on the History of Cartography website at: http://www.maphistory.info/projects.html and http://www.maphistory.info/webimages.html

All lists compiled so far are available at: http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/maps/digital.html

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Previously listed:

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Holdings
Digitisation and geo-rectification of the Bodleian’s large-scale Ordnance Survey holdings by Protinus Holdings (previously known as Data Holdings) has been underway since early 2005. The scanning operation continues in Swindon where the maps are stored.

BRITISH LIBRARY

• Using the BL Georeferencer online tool (http://www.bl.uk/maps/), locational data for Library's collection of first-edition Goad mapping of British and Irish towns was gathered via crowdsourcing. The 2,700 digital maps were completed in January after seven weeks online. All of the maps georeferenced by the public have been quality-checked by a team of invited, volunteer Reviewers. See also http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/firemaps/fireinsurancemaps.html

• The new system for accessing OS large scale mapping deposited with the UK Legal Deposit Libraries became available in the BL Maps Reading Room starting in January.

• BL established membership in the Public Sector Mapping Agreement in January.

• The entirety of first ed 25" maps of Gloucestershire County have been scanned and georeferenced as part of the HLF-funded first round bid (development phase”) “Know Your Place” that BL is partner on. This will make available historic mapping (including tithe mapping), information, and user-uploaded materials online. NLS assisted with the georeferencing. If the full bid is funded, eds 2-3 will be added, along with eds 1-3 of the counties of Wiltshire and Somerset.

CHARLES CLOSE SOCIETY / NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

In collaboration with the Charles Close Society the National Library of Australia has scanned their 1” Old Series maps and put them on their web site. The CCS was involved because Roger Hellyer is writing a cartobibliography on this series – due in 2015 – and felt unable to fund a trip to Australia to view the maps.

The New Series is also on the NLA website at http://nla.gov.au/nla.map-rm2735
Recent website additions:

- **Mapping History website.** A collaborative project with Archaeology Scotland for secondary schools on using and interpreting maps for historical and archaeological projects. The site has both online and downloadable activities and several simple step-by-step guides which show how to read and use a wide range of maps. (January 2014)  

- **OS six-inch England and Wales (1840s-1950s)** 37,390 sheets. The most comprehensive topographic mapping covering all of England and Wales from the 1840s to the 1950s. Revised for the whole country twice between 1842-1893, and between 1891-1914, and then updated regularly for urban or rapidly changing areas from 1914 to the 1940s. (March 2014).  

Planned website additions

- First World War military maps (ca. 300 sheets) including the main trench map series at 1:20,000 (GSGS 2742) and 1:10,000 (GSGS 3062) (June 2014)

- Georeferenced layer of OS six-inch England and Wales, ca. 1900 (July 2014)

- Early maps of Scotland – about 150 maps of Scotland and Scottish towns, ca. 1700-1900 (September 2014)

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES

- **Cymru1900Wales OS placenames transcription project**  
  A collaborative project to crowdsourcing all the names from the OS six-inch 1900s edition mapping of Wales, supported by the University of Wales, the National Library of Wales, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, and the Peoples Collection Wales. [http://www.cymru1900wales.org/](http://www.cymru1900wales.org/)

- The **Cynefin project** to digitise the Tithe Maps of Wales is now underway and the first maps have been digitised. The project manager is currently going through a procurement process to find a supplier for the crowd-sourcing elements of the project. For more information see [www.llgc.org.uk/blog/?p=8219](http://www.llgc.org.uk/blog/?p=8219), [www.archiveswales.org.uk/projects/cynefin-mapping-wales-sense-of-place/](http://www.archiveswales.org.uk/projects/cynefin-mapping-wales-sense-of-place/) and

- The Library’s Education Unit has obtained funding to digitise all of our First World War maps. Work is ongoing to identify these and prepare them for scanning. Here is some information about the project:

  “The National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru-National Museum Wales are leading a project to produce education resources for schools to commemorate the centenary of the First World War in Wales. We will use original items from the period from the collections of both institutions to create bilingual teaching resources for Hwb (the all-Wales digital learning platform) that will include iBooks, worksheets, lesson plans, original items with interpretation, and interactive NearPod Presentations.

  The project will use NLW resources that have been digitised by various projects, and will also digitise more items that have been omitted from these. The main types of items that will be used for the education materials will be oral histories, photographs, newspapers, paintings, maps, letters, telegrams, film clips and archival materials.”

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